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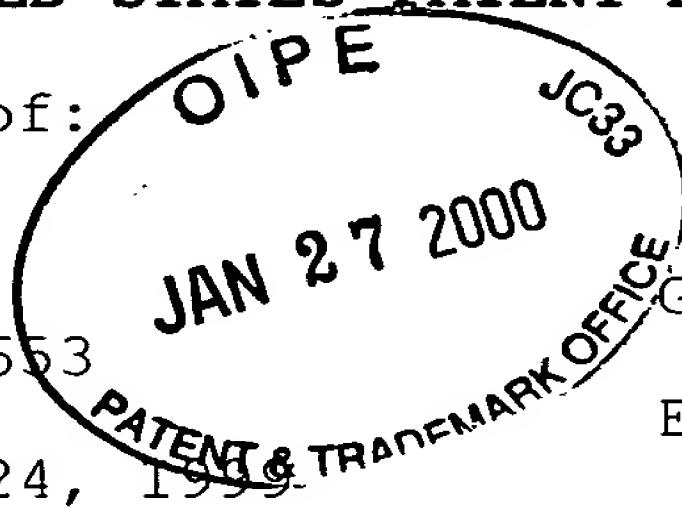
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nie et al.

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For: WATER-SOLUBLE LUMINESCENT  
QUANTUM DOTS AND  
BIOMOLECULAR CONJUGATES  
THEREOF AND RELATED  
COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD OF  
USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 12, please replace "Grant No. FG02-98ER 24873" with --Grant No. FG02-98ER 14873--.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error in the Department of Energy grant number recited on page 1, line 12. Grant No. FG02-98ER 24873 should read Grant No. FG02-98ER 14873 (emphasis added). Inasmuch as the amendment to the specification merely serves to correct a typographical error, no new matter has been added by way of this amendment. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the

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